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REMARKS

The Final Office Action mailed May 20, 2004, has been carefully reviewed and Applicant notes with appreciation the identification of allowed subject matter.


By this Amendment, claim 1 has been canceled. Claims 5, 6 and 8-10 are pending in the application.

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,400,377 to Hiraka et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,331,337 to Kabeya et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,129,449 to McCain et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,287,514 to Gram, and U.S. Patent No. 5,717,848 to Watanabe et al. Claims 5, 6 and 8-10 are allowed.

Claim 1 having been canceled herein, the application is in condition for allowance in accordance with the Examiner's allowance of the remaining claims. Should any outstanding matters remain, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the present application can receive an early Notice of Allowance.

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